

TOWN OF NEWSTEAD
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
June 4, 2001

PRESENT: Dave Wakeman, Chairman
Tom Cowan
Don Hoefler
Mark Decker
John Potera
Terry Janicz

Don Folger, Code Enforcement Officer
Rebecca Baker, Planning Board Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:33pm by Dave Wakeman, Chairman. Minutes from the May 21st meeting were reviewed and Dave motioned to accept the minutes with the following change: last paragraph add the phrase "pre-application conference" before regarding..... Don seconded the motion and all approved.

Dave read a letter from Alessi and Neill regarding the Akron Airport project. It is the opinion of Alessi and Neill that the project is a safety issue not an expansion which would require a variance.

The board met with Wayne Wegman and Mary Kay Genthner from Passero Associates, and Richard Forrestel regarding the safety improvements for the Akron Airport. The Federal grant (2.5 million dollars) can only be used to make safety improvements. Mr. Wegman presented a total plan for the airport and then proceeded to outline the current safety issues being addressed. The existing runway will be replaced with a new 75-ft. wide runway that will be approximately 44 ft. shorter than current runway. New lights, which are controlled by pilots, will be installed along the runway. There will be PAPI lights on both ends and the Scotland Rd. end will have flashing lights. The crosswind grass runway will stay as is for now with the possibility of being lighted and paved at a later date. The airport will invest \$130,000 into drainage improvements. This plan includes creating a swale/retention basin between the new runway and existing taxiway. A 30" perforated pipe will carry the water through the rock that will then drain into the caves that are located on the airport property. Blasting will be required to install the pipe through the rock. A curb cut is called for on Scotland Rd. for emergency vehicles. At this time they will lay a stone base and cover it with fabric, topsoil and seed it. Mr. Wegman indicated that bids would go out around June 12th with a start date of mid July. As construction continues, the airport will have to be closed for short periods of time. The existing runway will be scarified and stockpiled to be used for fill for future use. Concern was expressed in regards to Tom Forrestel's house being located in the runway protection zone. The airport will offer to buy his home or relocate it.

The board will write a letter to the Town Board recommending they begin the SEQR process to declare themselves as lead agency. The planning board members will review the SEQR long form for any comments to be addressed at the next meeting.

Dave mentioned the Master Plan meeting scheduled for June 5th at 7:00pm at the Akron Fire Hall.

The board addressed the town's sign ordinance. Members have reviewed ordinances from other towns and have begun discussing changes they feel are needed. This issue will continue to be discussed at the next meeting.

John motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:20pm, Mark seconded and all approved.

Respectfully submitted by,
Rebecca K. Baker,
Recording Secretary

